(c) whether the employees working in those areas are being engaged in some other projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the concerned State Government, 1354 villages in districts Dakshin Baster, Dantewada are affected by naxal activities for last 25 years. The State Government is fully capable of providing education and health facilities etc. in all the villages of the naxal affected areas. No employee working in the naxal affected areas are engaged in any other project.

Activities of terrorists in North-Eastern States

1712. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist groups of North-Eastern States are preparing to form a new country like Bangladesh;

(b) whether ULFA, Maoist and other terrorist groups have full control in North Eastern States of India;

(c) how many of them are active terrorist groups in the North-Eastern States; and

(d) what strict action Government had taken or propose to take against such terrorist organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) There is no report to suggest that terrorist groups of North Eastern States are preparing to form a new country like Bangladesh.

(b) According to reports, Maoists are not active in North Eastern States. Some terrorist outfits are operating in the North States.

(c) Details of major militant outfits operating in North Eastern Region (State-wise) are as under:

Assam: United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and its faction, and United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS).

Manipur: There are approx. 23 militant groups divided on ethnic lines *viz*. Meiteis, Kukis, Nagas and Pangals.

Nagaland: National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) which is having two factions NSCN (IM) and NSCN (K) and Naga National Council.

Tripura: National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF).

Arunachal Pradesh: NSCN (IM) and NSCN (K) are active in two districts of Tirap and Changlang in Eastern Arunachal Pradesh adjoining Nagaland and Assam.

Meghalaya: Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC).

(d) The Government has taken various steps to control the separatist and terrorist activities in North Eastern States. These include, *inter alia,* deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para Military Forces and State Police to counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, declaration of "disturbed area: under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the state Government and modernization.up-gradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made. A number of outfits in the North East have entered into Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreement. Currently ceasefire/Suspension of Operations (SoO) is on with: National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN), which is having two faction NSCN (IM) and NSCN (K), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD), and United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC).